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In re application of:

Tittgen, Jochen

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Amendment and Reply

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Communication mailed October 8, 2009, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments begin on page 2 of this reply.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this reply.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-3994.